

Dodgers and White Sox planning to move spring bases to Glendale

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PHOENIX (AP) -The Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox are negotiating to move their spring training bases to Glendale, with the teams possibly sharing a stadium in the Phoenix suburb as early as 2008.

The Dodgers would leave their site in Vero Beach, Fla., where they have trained since 1948 - nine years before the team moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles. Dodgers spokesman Josh Rawitch said the club would not comment on the negotiations until after the meeting Wednesday.

The White Sox have shared Tucson Electric Park with the Arizona Diamondbacks since 1998.

The Glendale city council will meet Wednesday to approve a memo of understanding with the teams, allowing the city to apply to the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority, which would fund about two-thirds of the 80 million project.

"This is the first step in the project," city spokeswoman Julie Frisoni said. "We will be ready, realistically, in the 2009 season. But depending on how quickly the process moves we could be ready in 2008."

Glendale is the site of University of Phoenix Stadium, home to the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, the Fiesta Bowl and the 2007 BCS college football national championship game and the 2008 Super Bowl.

Meanwhile, the city of Goodyear and the Cleveland Indians also are seeking money from the Sports and Tourism Authority to build a \$77.5 million spring training stadium. The state will hold a public hearing Friday to begin considering the Goodyear/Indians' proposal.